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LETTER DATED 26 APRIL 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and further to my letter dated 26 April 1993, I have the honour to inform you that, on 20 April 1993, the Iranian side resumed bombarding the Qal'at Dizah valley, while Iranian forces massed on the Iranian side of the frontier to the east of the Iraqi town of Panjwin. This caused many families to flee the Panjwin area in order to escape the possibility of bombardment of the town by the massed Iranian units.

My Government protests vehemently at the persistence of the Iranian regime in continuing this fresh aggression against Iraq, which is a violation of Iraq's sovereignty and territorial integrity, and vehemently condemns the Iranian regime's persistence in violating Security Council resolution 598 (1987) by its commission of these acts of aggression.

Iraq reserves its full right to respond to these acts of aggression and its right to use any appropriate means to protect its legitimate rights and interests. We request you to take the measures imposed by the principles of the provisions of the Charter of the international Organization to prevent the Iranian side from repeating such acts of aggression, which are incompatible with the norms of international law.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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